

Public Hearing: September 11, 2006

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** NDOR Agreement for ROW and Easement Coordination Along S. Beltway

**SPONSOR:** Public Works and Utilities

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:**

**OPPONENTS:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**APPLICANT:** Public Works and Utilities

### **REASON FOR LEGISLATION:**

This resolution is to facilitate the coordination between the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) and the City regarding ROW acquisition by NDOR for the South Beltway and the acquisition of conservation easements by the City and the Lower Platte South NRD within the floodplain and floodprone areas abutting the S. Beltway ROW.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

NDOR is close to finalizing the ROW for the S. Beltway and will begin appraisals shortly. Through this agreement, the City will provide the documents relating to floodplain conservation easements to NDOR, who will perform the appraisals and work on behalf of the City with landowners in areas where both ROW and conservation easements are being acquired. There is the potential for acquisition of conservation easements in two different areas:

1. **West of BNSFRR.** The City previously acquired some conservation easements in the Salt Creek floodplain west of BNSFRR through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The easements abutted the boundary of the corridor protection, but the final S. Beltway ROW will be narrower than the corridor protection. NDOR will work with interested landowners on behalf of the City to acquire conservation easements on a voluntary basis along the S. Beltway to fill in the “gaps” where no easement was previously acquired.
2. **East of BNSFRR.** The Public Works and Utilities Dept., in coordination with the NRD, is in the process of implementing the SE Upper Salt Creek Master Plan adopted by the City Council and Co. Board in Oct 2003. One of the components of the Plan is the acquisition of conservation easements over floodprone areas. This agreement will facilitate coordination between NDOR and the City regarding the purchase of easements in the vicinity of the S. Beltway.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** \$10,000 estimated cost

**SOURCE OF FUNDS, CITY:** \$10,000

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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